

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Docket No.  
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Title:

**NANOCOMPOSITE MATERIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FILMS WITH A REFRACTIVE INDEX GRADIENT**

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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
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The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

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☒ This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior International Application Serial No. PCT/EP03/00020, filed on 01/03/03 which issued into International Patent No. WO 03/05773A1. The following references were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in this prior application, and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

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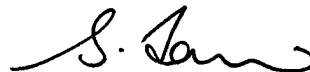
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